

MAINTENANCE GRANTS SCHEME

This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force up to 31st March, 2017.

Introduction: -

In order to promote cultural activities in the State of Goa and to and develop cultural talent, Government has designed this Scheme to provide financial support to voluntarily Cultural Organizations.

Objectives

The objectives of the scheme are as follows:.

- (i) To and develop cultural talent.
- (ii) To provide financial support to cultural organizations.
- (iii) To and develop cultural environment in the State of Goa.
- (iv) To purchase musical equipments.

Eligibility

Grants for Cultural activities:

- (i) Any Goan institution registered under Society's Registration Act, 1860 or under Indian Trust Act are eligible for benefit under this scheme.
- (ii) The Grant-in-Aid shall be provided in the form of reimbursement of the expenditure incurred by the institution for the last financial year. The institution shall bear all the expenditure and conduct its activities from its own funds for the first year.
- (iii) Preference will be given to the institutions involved in Cultural Education i.e. imparting training in music, dance, drama, fine art, etc.

Nature and Quantum of Assistance

1. Grants for Cultural activities:

- (i) The eligible institutions shall be entitled for grant-in-aid to the extent of 80% of expenditure incurred by the institution for last financial year, subject to the ceiling of maximum of Rs. 10,000 for Group 'H' institutions, Rs. 20,000/- for group 'G' institutions, Rs. 35,000 for group 'F' institutions, Rs. 50,000 for group 'E' institutions, Rs. 75,000 for group 'D' institutions and Rs. 1lakh for Group 'C' institutions, Rs. 2Lakh for group 'B' institutions and Rs. 3 lakh for Group 'A' institutions p.a.

- (ii) The grants shall be given in the form of reimbursement of expenditure already incurred by the institution for last financial year.

For purchase of equipments, instruments and furniture prior approval of Director of Art & Culture is required and Director of Art & Culture give such approval after proper assessment.

Note: The above limit for financial grant is maximum limit provided under this scheme and does not mean that Applicant shall get the financial grant to the extent of maximum limit but shall get the financial grant to the extent decided by the Department of Art & Culture based on the nature and scope of the cultural activities conducted by the institution.

Application Procedure

The eligible institution shall apply to the Director of Art & Culture in prescribed form along with following documents:

1. A copy of Constitution/Bye Laws/Rules and Regulations.
2. Registration Certificate (Renewal certificate if it is renewed).
3. Report of activities list of committee members.
4. Financial statements of last year duly certified by the C. A. & office bearers.

Disbursement

Once the applications are received from the institutions, then the Directorate of Art & Culture shall conduct the inspections of the eligible institutions and the inspection report with estimated grants are submitted to the Government for approval then disburse the amount in the form of cheque to the concerned institutions.

Categories of the Institutions

For the purpose of this scheme and to give benefit to all types of institutions the Government may categorize the institutions in Grade A, B, C, D , E , F, G and H category by the committee to be constituted by the Government for the purpose of releasing the grant.

Framing of Guidelines.

For better implementation of this scheme Government may frame guidelines from time to time, if required

Relaxation.

The Government is empowered to relax all or any of the clause provided in this scheme, if found deemed fit, for reasons to be recorded.

Interpretation.

If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression or entire scheme, then the decision about the interpretation shall lie with the Government.

Redressal of grievances

If any grievance arises out of implementation of this scheme then, the Minister for Art & Culture shall hear and decide such matter and the decision of the Minister for Art & Culture in this regard shall be final.